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Re: Utility Patent Application
Entitled: Regulated Expression of Cloned Genes Using a Cascade Genetic Circuit
Appl. No.: To be determined
Filed: Herewith
Inventors: Cebolla Ramirez et al.
Our Ref.: AM-00106.P.1-US

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the United States Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Utility Patent Application Transmittal (in duplicate);
2. Fee Transmittal (in duplicate);
3. Declaration for Utility or Design Patent Application;
4. Assertion of Small Entity Status - NonProfit Organization;
5. Assertion of Small Entity Status - Small Business;

6. Complete U.S. Patent Application entitled:

Regulated Expression of Cloned Genes Using a Cascade Genetic Circuit

and naming as inventors

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the utility application comprising:

- a) Total pages of application: [37]
- b) Pages of specification: [21];
- c) Pages of Figures: [7]; Number of Figures: [7];
- d) Pages of Title Page: [1];
- e) Pages of Abstract: [1];
- f) Pages of Sequence Listing: [2]
- g) Pages of References: [3]
- h) Pages of Claims: [2]; [16] Claims;

7. Preliminary Amendment;
8. Sequence ID Listing - Paper Copy;
9. Sequence ID Listing - Disk;
10. Statement Under 37 C.F.R. 1.821 through 1.824;
11. Recordation of Assignment;
12. Assignment;
13. One Return Post Card; and
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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b))		Attorney Docket No. AM-00106.P.1-US
		First Inventor or Application Identifier Cebolla Ramirez et al.
		Title Regulated Expression of Cloned Genes Using a Cascade Genetic Circuit
		Express Mail Label No. EL648660159US
APPLICATION ELEMENTS See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents		ADDRESS TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box Patent Application Washington, DC 20231
<p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> * Fee Transmittal Form (e.g. PTO/SB/17) (Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)</p> <p>2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specification [Total Pages in application[37]]</p> <p>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets [7]]</p> <p>4. Oath or Declaration</p> <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newly executed (original or copy)</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)) (For continuation/divisional with Box 16 completed)</p> <p>i. <input type="checkbox"/> <u>DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)</u> Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application See 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).</p> <p>*NOTE FOR ITEMS 1 & 13: IN ORDER TO BE ENTITLED TO PAY SMALL ENTITY FEES, A SMALL ENTITY STATEMENT IS REQUIRED (37 C.F.R. § 1.27); EXCEPT IF ONE FILED IN A PRIOR APPLICATION IS RELIED UPON (37 C.F.R. § 1.28).</p> <p>5. <input type="checkbox"/> Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)</p> <p>6. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (If applicable, all necessary)</p> <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Computer Readable Copy</p> <p>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statement verifying identity of above copies</p>		

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

7. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documents(s))
8. 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) Statement
(when there is an assignee)
 Power of Attorney
9. English Translation Document (if applicable)
10. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449
 Copies of IDS Citations
11. Preliminary Amendment
12. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)
13. * Small Entity Assertions
 Statement filed in prior application. Status still proper and desired
14. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(If foreign priority is claimed)
15. Other: Certificate of Mailing by Express Mail

16. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment:
 Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part (CIP) Of prior application No: _____
Prior application Information: Examiner _____ Group Art Unit _____
For CONTINUATION or DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

17. CORRESPONDENCE INFORMATION

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FEE TRANSMITTAL

Patent fees are subject to annual revision on October 1. These are the fees effective October 1, 1997. Small Entity payments must be supported by a small entity statement, otherwise large entity fees must be paid. See Forms PTO/SB/09-12. See 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.27 and 1.28.

		Complete if Known	
Application Number:	To be determined		
Filing Date:	Herewith		
First Named Inventor:	Cebolla Ramirez et al.		
Group / Art Unit:	To be determined		
Total Amount of Payment	\$ 575.00	Docket Number:	AM-00106.P.1-US

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1. [] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any over payments to:

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[X] Check Number 589

[] Money Order

[] Other

FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

	Large Entity Fee Code	Large Entity Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
	101		201	355.00	Utility Filing Fee	\$ 355.00
	106		206		Design Filing Fee	\$
	107		207		Plant Filing Fee	\$
	108		208		Reissue Filing Fee	\$
	114		214		Provisional Filing Fee	\$
SUBTOTAL (1)						\$ 355.00

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

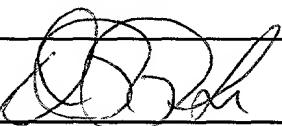
				Extra Claims		Fee From Below		Fee Paid
Total Claims	[31]	-20 **	Equals	[11]	Times	[9.00]	Equals	\$99.00
Independent Claims	[3]	-3 **	Equals	[0]	Times	[0]	Equals	\$ 0.00
Subtotal (2)								\$99.00

** or number previously paid, if greater, For Reissues, see below

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	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	
103		203	9.00		Claims in excess of 20
102		202			Independent claims in excess of 3
104		204			Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109		209			** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110		210			** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

3. ADDITIONAL FEES					
Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
105		205		Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	\$
127		227		Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	\$
139		139		Non-English specification	\$
147		147		For filing a request for reexamination	\$
112		112		Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	\$
113		113		Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	\$
115		215		Extension for reply within first month	\$
116		216		Extension for reply within second month	\$
117		217		Extension for reply within third month	\$
118		218		Extension for reply within fourth month	\$
128		228		Extension for reply within fifth month	\$
119		219		Notice of Appeal	\$
120		220		Filing a brief in support of an appeal	\$
121		221		Request for oral hearing	\$
138		138		Petition to institute a public use proceeding	\$
140		240		Petition or revive - unavoidable	\$
141		241		Petition or revive - unintentional	\$
142		242		Utility issue fee (or reissue)	\$
143		243		Design issue fee	\$
144		244		Plant issue fee	\$
122		122		Petitions to the Commissioner	\$
123		123		Petitions related to provisional applications	\$
126		126		Submission of Information Disclosure Statement	\$
581		581		Recording each patent assignment per property	\$ 40.00
146		246		Filing a submission after final rejection (37 C.F.R. 1.129(a))	\$
149		249		For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	\$
Other fee (specify):					\$
				Subtotal (3)	\$ 40.00

4. SUMMATION OF FEES	
SUBTOTAL (1)	\$ 355.00
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SUBTOTAL (3)	\$ 40.00
TOTAL FEES	\$ 494.00

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